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TOWN TOPICS.

G. D. Casels will receive California grapes from the west this week.
Twenty-five violins to choose from at the Mail book store.
Bargains in new fall goods of all kinds, at Somerville & Co's.

New York oysters by the dish at G. and D. Casels.
Vinella, cream, strawberry and pea nut taffy at G. and D. Casels.
Farmers, go to Somerville & Co. for your grain bags, best brand, at lowest prices.

Fresh pastry cakes and buns at G. and D. Casels every day.
California Tokay grapes at G. and D. Casels, just arrived from Vancouver, B.C.
Don't fail to secure a piece or two of the slightly damaged cotton, only 10c per yard, at Somerville & Co's.

We have the lowest and best selection of dry goods, clothing, and fur goods in Brandon—Somerville & Co's.

M. A. Smith at one-half the regular prices. New goods direct from the manufacturer. C. E. Miller & Co's.

The entire winter portion of the Brandon Herald, bound up in one volume, at 50c per copy. Call and see them. C. E. Miller & Co's.

Tarts and tart shells can be had at G. D. Casels, oyster patties or cakes of any kind made to order.

A large consignment of fancy cream, early from Michigan, Manufacturing Company, London, at G. D. Casels.

Now is your chance—a fine-worsted suit, 10c per yard, for \$10.00, too low to pass up. Call and see them. C. E. Miller & Co's.

The shoe patches, does it then why do you buy shoes that patch, when you can get shoes that don't at H. H. H. & Co's.

G. D. Casels has his first shipment of bulk oysters direct from Baltimore, and will be sold at right prices, wholesale or retail.

For the Watch and Jewelry repair, go to B. B. B. & Co's.

G. and D. Casels give good measure and good solid meats in bulk oysters. Try them. You will be satisfied at 10c per quart. New York oysters, 75c per quart.

For the best cutting and sewing, go to B. B. B. & Co's.

A Gent's 12 1/2, just from a pair of ladies' 12 1/2, 10c per pair. Only \$2.50 per pair. Call and see them. C. E. Miller & Co's.

For a good dish of oysters go to Chubb's.

Try Chubb's new brand of oysters. He is the only one who appears in Brandon from the oyster beds.

Don't be deceived by such oysters; go to Chubb's for fresh oysters. Occasional parties, both street.

Ladies and gentlemen, for a great hot meal of oysters at any hour, go to Chubb's.

For fresh oysters by the quart or gallon, go to Chubb's. Lowest prices from the oyster beds, Baltimore.

Fresh California grapes arrive every week at Casels.

Over a hundred up mail styles at Casels.

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Minced and sliced fresh meat.

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The Brandon Herald will be at the L. K. on the 2nd and 3rd of Dec.

Mr. P. H. H. has been elected Receiver of Elton, and will be in office on the 1st of Jan.

Big Stock of Noble Clocks cheap at H. H. H. & Co's.

The Dominion Parliament is to meet on the 31st January.

One Muttie a Brandon d. d. was fined \$3 and costs by the Bench on Tuesday.

Ald. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes leaves for a visit to London, Ont., to-day.

25 per cent. discount on all Christmas and New Year's Cards purchased this week at THE MAIL Bookstore.

10 per cent. discount on all Christmas Presents purchased this week at THE MAIL Bookstore.

Mr. A. Edmonds imported a car of very fine Ontario horses on Tuesday last.

Mrs. J. M. Cane on left for Cet on Monday, where she will spend the winter.

The Baptists will hold their Xmas tree and concert on Friday evening. A big time may be expected.

Our Methodist friends will hold their annual Xmas tree and entertainment on Monday. As usual, there will be a grand display for the little ones.

The Oak Lake elders referred to in an other paragraph were married on their return home. Her sister father gave way.

Dr. Wright and D. Moore, of Oak Lake, were in the city Tuesday, also W. J. Hellin, of Kalfalon.

Brandybushes with a snowsue club, and a toogun slide in operation, will have considerable amusement this winter.

The N. B. W. Co. can expect to have more of their crops of this for this season brought down the river in the spring.

Meers, Smith & Shindell have already handled two cars of steam threshers, and they are doing a large business in all the lines.

Meers, Smith & Shindell, of a fine fire coat stove, at the front of their store the other day. They will forgive the theft if the "open house" will only return thanks.

It is a rumor to a greater or less extent that Mr. H. H. H. of Winnipeg, contemplating removing to Brandon now that their mill at the falls has been destroyed. If they do so, we are confident they will never regret the move.

Thursday evening George Woods, the horse man, was cutting up some shingles in front of John A. Brown's store, and a constable called him to stop. He refused, and was seized by giving a good blow in the face. If he had been a constable, he would have been a constable. Next morning a constable called him for some shingles, and he was seized.

Mr. Joseph Pope has just issued an interesting table of figures respecting the last general election. The total number of voters on the electoral list of Canada is 994,014, an actual increase over 1882 of 100,327. The total vote polled for the Government was 430,222, for the Opposition 563,792. The Government majority was 132,628. The average majority for the Government candidates was 307, that of the Opposition 351. The number of members elected with majorities under 100 was 35 for Government and 25 for Opposition.

The Oak Lake mill was totally destroyed by fire at one o'clock Sunday night. The fire is supposed to have originated from the engine room, and before it could be done the building was wrapped in flames. Eight or ten thousand bushels of wheat and five hundred bags of flour were a total loss, and a loss of \$100,000. The mill was owned by Meers, Smith & Shindell, and was insured for \$100,000. The fire was caused by a defective boiler, and the loss was a heavy one.

It is a singular thing that men even in high positions will resort to impudence for the sake of having a thing at their own. When they are told in good order that they will be punished, they will resort to impudence. When they are told in good order that they will be punished, they will resort to impudence.

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Rush! Rush! Nothing but rush at THE MAIL Bookstore this week.

The Manitou Club is to give an entertainment in the rink on the 29th.

Xmas trees are now all the rage, all of the churches having them during the week.

Sunday is Xmas, and we hope it will bring good cheer to all the patrons of the Mail.

It is generally understood that Mr. G. H. Smith is going to find the Rubicon this week.

Mr. Chubb, of oyster fame, wears his hand in a sling. While the sailing cases in the depot the other day, a nail passed through the palm of his hand.

As the other city papers are not going to publish next week we have decided to follow suit. In the mean time we wish our readers the compliments of the season.

Pilling's auction drew an immense crowd on Wednesday last, and a great many important transfers were made. This monthly sale is now going to be one of the prominent features of the place.

Mr. W. J. Lindsay is now handling the grain business for Hamilton & Co's. They want a large amount of farm products, and Mr. Lindsay is one of the best men to take charge of the business.

Messrs. John Fisher and William Brooks, of Elton, have opened boarding houses in the old Lambton Hotel, and J. R. Miller's old store respectively. They are both well up in the business, and will doubtless do a fair trade.

They are to have a caucus of what are said to be the Conservative members of the Local House in a day or two. No doubt the wise heads that make such a success of the R.R.V. R. will be able to evolve something out of the present chaos.

The city is over run with china mugs. Strone & Whitelaw promised presents to all the school children who would visit their premises Wednesday. It is said to say they all "sneaked" some once, some twice and so on according to the r. consciences, and got china mugs, etc., each trip.

Thomas Lee has a sarcastic way of putting it in a notion. He has one of the latter in the post office saying: "If the party who lost a glove will call at our shop he can have the other one." This would probably find the owner.

Private Andrew Newton, of the Mounted Police, stationed at Moonbeam, was sentenced to a month's confinement at Regina, and he escaped to Vinland. He was overheard to be in the city of Regina, and was tried before a Vinland Bench for desertion. The sentence was a fine of \$25, which he readily paid, and went on his way rejoicing.

Mr. Saults, of the Revenue, is away to Winnipeg to see the clubs for the hotel, in connection of several marriages shortly to take place from his establishment.

We give place to the foregoing from the Times, to show that Deloraine is not a bad place for young ladies to locate in.

An old friend of our Editor writes from Gananoque, Ont., to say Mr. J. Lloyd, of that place, is now on the way with a car load of very fine horses, to be sold in Brandon. From the character of our information we have every confidence the horses will be strictly first class. Those who want the like should enquire at Mr. Lloyd will be here in a day or two.

Wheat still comes in at a lively rate, about 50,000 bushels having been in the city the past week at from 45 to 51 cents. This is a great deal of money, out of which the machine men reap a big harvest.

Oats are coming in, in supply equal to the demand, from 20 to 22 being paid, but much of the crop is not yet threshed. But little barley and less still of the seed and peas. Potatoes are in good demand at from 30 to 35 cents. The arrivals are very scarce. Wood brings \$5.50, Galt coal \$9, and Pennsylvania \$12.75. Pork brings \$6 to \$7, dressed, and a considerable quantity is arriving, and beef from \$4.50 to \$5. Hides fetch \$3, chickens bring 75 to 80, and turkeys and geese from 10c to 11c. Hay is worth about \$7, eggs 75, and butter from 20 to 22.

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charge of Conductor Daniel Kearney and Driver Michael Lushan, was near McKinnon's Cross bridge, three miles from Carleton Place, the train men noticed heavy drifts of snow on the west side of the bridge. The train consisted of one passenger car, an engine and a snow plow. Eight section men were aboard for the purpose of assisting in the clearing of the road of the snow which fell in Friday's storm. The passenger car was on the left side of the bridge. The section men, the conductor, Brakeman Lushan, a young man named Frank Miller, driver Lushan and driver Michael Lushan—11 persons in all—were on the engine. They then started, but when they got to the bridge the plow and engine left the track and fell over.

Sectionmen D. Patterson, Cromie Fullerton and Fr. Packer, as did also Brakeman Lushan, who jumped through the cab window. They are all more or less injured, but none of the five was fatally hurt. As soon as the news reached the district, Doctors Meahan and Bishop were once sent to the scene. The bodies which found were placed down under the engine, which was lying on top of the snow. The train was running slowly at the time, as they had plenty of time when they got over the bridge to get a run at the drift.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIES DEBT.

The Commissioners Report that the town is able to assume Forty per cent of its liabilities.

The commissioners, Judge Ryan, Henry James and Robert Adamson, appointed to examine into the financial condition of Portage la Prairie, have made an elaborate report to the government. They sum up the situation as follows:

Under the circumstances it seems to us that a rate of 17 mills on the \$ for general purposes which, with the 10 mills on the \$ necessary for school purposes make a total levy of 27 mills on the \$ will be fully as much as can be raised without exceeding the limits of practicable taxation.

Indeed, it is the opinion of many of the best business men of the town that not more than 22 mill \$, or 2 cents, in the \$ can be raised without exceeding that limit.

25 mills on the \$ on an assessment of \$500,000 will produce \$12,500, allowing 25 per cent for taxes, or collected during the year.

From this debt amount required for municipal government at all schools, \$6,500 which leaves a balance available of \$3,500.

The amount will suffice to pay 3 per cent per annum on \$113,971.50, or 40 per cent of the total indebtedness of the town, viz: \$3,412.75, and leaves a small surplus of \$132.25.

Your commissioners are therefore of opinion that taking into careful consideration all the circumstances before mentioned.

The Municipality of the town of Portage la Prairie is able to assume only 40 per cent of its gross liabilities, viz: \$113,971.50, and to pay into it on the same at the rate of 3 per cent per annum, payable half yearly, and they have the honor to report.

And they further report that there is not, in their opinion, any immediate prospect of even less so on years, any reasonable hope of the town being able to assume a larger proportion of its liabilities than before stated.

VERMONT.

The first Brandon Agricultural Society held its annual meeting in the city of Brandon, Monday afternoon. Although the attendance was a representative one, it was not as large as it should have been for so worthy an occasion. The retiring president, Mr. C. H. H. gave a full account of the stewardship, and acted as chairman throughout the meeting. Mr. C. H. H. was chosen president for the coming year, and Messrs. D. W. Shaw and Benjamin McKinnon first and second vice presidents respectively. B. H. H. was chosen an auditor, and Mr. Shaw was re-elected secretary. It was ordered that all persons desiring to join the society, they are not new.

The secretary made the following financial report:

Balance in bank	\$ 147.43
Notes discounted	732.80
Mr. T. M. Day's donation	50.00
Members' tickets	1.00
Mr. Smith's donation	100.00
Government grant	250.00
Bank fees	38.00
City donation	200.00
Gate receipts	200.00
Total	\$1,429.23

Deaths of 1887.

McDonald's	8
B. H. H.	8
Interest, postage, etc.	839.00
Other fees	21.00
C. H. H. printing	35.00
Secretary's and Directors' salaries	207.00
Protected cheque of '86	9.00
Auditors	10.00
Cash on hand to balance	200.00
Total	\$1,429.23

TO-DAY'S FIGHT.

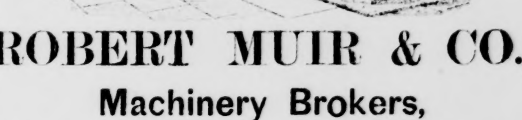
London, Dec. 16. - It is reported that the fight between Kilrain and Smith lasted two hours and a half, and was one of the placiest on record. Each round was a battle, and sixteen of them were fought. At the end of the sixteenth round the contest was decided a draw, owing to darkness. Kilrain had the best of it.

TO-DAY'S FIGHT.

Dealing on the Square!

at dead disease. **Consumption**, is vain to cure. Know to his fellow sufferers a means of cure. To those who desire it, will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a cure of **Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis**, and all throat and lung **Maladies**. He hopes all sufferers will try his Remedy, as it is invaluable, none desiring the prescription, which will at times nothing, and may prove a blessing. Will please address, **Mrs. EDWARD A. WILCOX, Williamsburg, Kings County, New York.**

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BRANDON.

Nobly Redeemed.

Gen. Lauria Carries Shelburne in the Conservative Interest.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—For the first time in its history, Shelburne has elected a Conservative to the Commons. After a most gallant fight, and in spite of the most vindictive canvass and the most spiteful efforts of the Opposition, Major General Lauria has redeemed the county. The victory equals that in Haldimand. At 12 o'clock Robertson was forty-two ahead, with only one district to lose from—New West Harbor—which in February gave Lauria 35 majority, so his chances looked slim, but when the returns came in it was found that North-east Harbor had given Lauria 48 majority, thereby electing him by 6. The Gt. Gt. are thoroughly disappointed. The contest both in Shelburne and Yarmouth was on commercial ground, and the Conservatives are jubilant.

Shelburne is a county of Nova Scotia, and one of the electoral divisions established at Confederation. At the general elections of 1897, 1902 and 1907, Thos. Coffin, Liberal, was elected by acclamation. At the general elections of 1908 T. Robertson, Liberal, polled 666, H. W. Freeman, Conservative, 509, and Coffin, 198. At the general elections of 1912 Robertson was re-elected, polling 912, N. W. White, Conservative, polling 775. At the general election in February last Robertson was again re-elected, polling 1,064, General Lauria, Conservative, polling 1,160. The constituency has been uninterruptedly held by the Liberals, their candidate having on three occasions been returned by acclamation.

Major General Lauria was born in 1835 and entered the army as an ensign (2nd Quebec) in 1853. He was promoted to be lieutenant colonel in 1860, to be colonel in 1862, to be major general in 1882. He served during the Chinese war and, through the Indian Mutiny. He was appointed inspecting adjutant general in 1860, and subsequently deputy adjutant general of Canadian militia. He was grand master of the Freemasons of Nova Scotia in 1884. He has had active service in the Northwest campaign in 1885.

2ND YARMOUTH.

The total vote polled was 2,534, a decrease of 142 from February. Lovitt's (Liberal) vote was 1,549, Crosby, (Conservative) 982. Lovitt's majority, 567, a decrease of 125 since February.

Yarmouth is a county, and one of the electoral divisions in Nova Scotia, established at Confederation. At the general election of 1867 Hon. Thos. Killam, Liberal, polled 1,275 against 666 for Geo. S. Brown, Conservative. Killam having died, a bye election was held, F. Killam, Liberal, being elected by 1,220 against 508 polled by N. E. Clements, Conservative. At the general election of 1872 Killam polled 1,176, and W. H. Thompson, Conservative, 490. At the general election of 1874 Killam polled 1,192 and Brown, Conservative, 712. At the general election of 1882 J. R. Kinnear, Conservative, polled 1,204, and Killam, 993. At the general election of 1884 Killam polled 1,192, Liberal, 1,872, J. R. Kinnear, Conservative, 1,199, and J. K. Hallfield, 20. Of the seven elections held in the constituency the Liberals carried six and the Conservatives one. Mr. Lovitt was recently elected for corrupt practices, hence the bye election.

IVES ARRESTED.

New York, Dec. 15.—Henry S. Ives was arrested today on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Julius Reicher, president of the Commercial, Brooklyn and Bay View railroad company. Mr. Reicher, in an affidavit, says that a draft for \$200,000 made by the company to the order of Ives was missing, and intended to be used as part of a scheme to control the company. The draft was issued on December 15, 1912, and was for the sum of \$200,000. Ives was arrested at his home, 100 West 10th street, and was taken to the police station. He is being held in custody.

Mr. J. Reynolds & Co. have been awarded the contract for the construction of the new bridge over the river at the mouth of the river.

Davitt Interviewed.

He Predicts a Prolonged Struggle in Ireland.

London, Dec. 15.—Warrants are out for the arrest of Messrs. T. Healy, M. P., John Dillon, M. P., and T. P. Gill, M. P. The latter has been in charge of United Ireland during O'Brien's imprisonment. Mr. Gill has escaped and will remain under cover until Mr. O'Brien has finished his term, which expires on Christmas eve. Michael Davitt who has been in London for the past few days, during the course of an interview remarked, in answer to a question as to whether he proposed to be arrested, that he fully expected to spend his Christmas in the cell of some Irish jail, and believed John Dillon and Timothy Healy would probably share the same fate. The fight would, however, despite this, be carried on vigorously by the people, even if the prisons were crowded with the leaders of the movement.

"Are the people of Ireland at all depressed at the aspect of affairs?" "Well," replied Mr. Davitt, "the country is fully aware of the gravity of the situation, and of the ordeal through which it will have to pass, but it is not at all afraid. The nation has passed through periods when the outlook was much darker and less hopeful, and it believes it has reached the beginning of the end of one of the most sad and prolonged struggles for liberty passed through by any people in Europe. Lord Salisbury and his Government have evidently resolved, as far as possible, to employ all the resources of despotism to crush a nation; but they seem to overlook the fact that they are dealing with a race which has never yet known that it was beaten."

In answer to questions with regard to the dispute with the Gaelic Athletic association, he said he believed the matter had been amicably settled. The Archbishop of Oshel, Dr. Cook, and himself had done their utmost to bring about this satisfactory result, and, he was happy to say, with complete success. The people were fully alive to the importance of maintaining an unbroken front and of avoiding anything in the nature of disunion, and although there were some who might disapprove of certain details of policy, they agreed that the present juncture was not an opportune time for the opening of controversies or for the raising of difficulties. They were, therefore, at present maintaining an attitude of firmness and patience, firmly believing such matters would be certain to be righted by and by.

"You expressed your disapproval of the policy of avoiding arrest under the coercion act in your most recent speech," said the correspondent. "Yes," said Mr. Davitt, "it is with very great regret I feel compelled to express my disapproval of a policy I believe would be mischievous out of Ireland. I felt it to be my public duty after the thing had gone a certain length to state so publicly in a speech in St. Stephen's, and that opinion I still hold, and nothing which has been since written or spoken on the subject has altered my views on the matter. If the Tory Government desire to bid Irish risings, they of course can do so. That policy has been tried before without avail, and will be found to be equally fruitless now."

Education Bulletin: The Indian bands around Victoria, Saddle Lake and Lac la Puce are said to have formed a sort of granger society and have entered into an agreement not to sell their furs to the small traders who follow them to their camps, but to bring it into Edmonton and sell it for cash. It seems that they are not receiving the advantage of the fur in prices that has occurred at Edmonton during the past two or three years, and are said to be selling at \$100 a skin.

A strong town's reaction is in progress at Lac Seul, Ont. J. K. Ritchie, the dining room man, has been set up for trial on the charge of rape, and it is intended to press the case. Ritchie was a long time in the cell in the closing of the dance house.

Saskatchewan Herald: An Indian (not from Moose or Devil's Lake about a hundred miles west of Battleford), reports having seen four Indians and tracked fourteen others in the neighborhood.

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"The wouldst thou not a physician, and when by one word He described the cause of Herod, saying: 'Go ye, and tell that fox.' Matthew Henry's comment on this passage is the last of the kind ever written. It is a masterpiece of wit and humor as they are of saving truth, and there is not an aged man here who has ever read 'Purport's Progress,' who does not remember that while reading the sermon he was as he wept. Chrysostom, George Herbert, Robert South, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jeremy Taylor, Richard Hill, Nettleton, Charles G. Finney and all the men of the past who greatly advanced the Kingdom of God,

consecrated their wit and their humor to the cause of Christ. So it has been in all the ages, and I say to these young theological students, who cluster in these services Sabbath by Sabbath, sharpen your wits as keen as scimitars, and then turn them into the holy war. It is a very short bridge between a smile and a tear, a suspension bridge from eye to lip, and it is soon crossed over, and a smile is sometimes just as sacred as a tear. There is as much religion, and I think a little more, in a spring morning than in a starless midnight. Religious work without any humor or wit in it, is a banquet with a sauce of beef, and that raw, and no condiments, and no dessert succeeding. People will not sit down at such a banquet. By all means, remove all frivolity, and all bathos, and all lightness, and all vulgarity—strain them out, though the taste of holy discrimination; but, on the other hand, beware of that monster which overshadows the Christian Church to-day, conventionality, coming up from the Great Sahara Desert of ecclesiasticism, having on its back a hump of sanctimonious gloom, and vehemently refuse to swallow that camel.

O, how particular a great many people are about the infinitesimals while they are quite reckless about the magnitudes. What did Christ say? Did He not exhort the people in his time who were so careful to wash their hands before a meal, but did not wash their hearts? It is a sad thing to have unclean hands; it is a worse thing to have an unclean heart. How many people there are in our time who are very anxious that after their death they shall be buried with their feet toward the east, and not as all nations, that during their whole life they should face in the right direction so that they shall come up in the resurrection of the just whichever way they are buried. How many there are chiefly anxious that a minister of the gospel shall come in the line of apostolic succession, not caring so much whether he comes from Apostle Paul or Apostle Judas. They have a way of measuring a gnat until it is larger than a camel.

Again: My subject photographs all those who are abhorrent of small sins while they are reckless in regard to magnitudes. You will find many a man, a saint, who, while he is so careful that he would not take a yard of cloth or a spoon of cotton from the counter without paying for it, and who if a bank cashier should make a mistake and send in a roll of bills five dollars too much would dispatch a messenger in haste to return the surplus, yet who will go into a stock company in which after a while he gets control of the stock, and then waters the stock and makes one hundred thousand dollars. He only stole one hundred thousand dollars by the operation. Many of the men of our time make their wealth in that way. One of those men, engaged in such unrighteous acts, that evening, the evening of the very day when he watered the stock, will find a warrant for stealing a newspaper from the basement doorway, and will go out and catch the thief, the thief, and will test the collar so tightly the poor fellow can not say that it was thrust for knowledge that led him to the dishonest act, but grip the collar tighter and tighter saying, "I have been looking for you a long while; you stole my paper four or five times, haven't you? You miserable wretch." And then the old stock gambler, with a voice that can hear three blocks, will cry out, "Police, police!" That same man, the evening of the day in which he watered the stock, will kneel with his family in prayer, and thank God for his prosperity. The next day, then, his children go to night with an air which seems to say "I hope you will all grow up to be as good as your father." Prisons for sins inordinate in size, but palaces for crimes of moderation, no mercy for sins inordinate in proportion, but great leniency for mastodon iniquity. A poor, old lady, leaning on the bust of a martyr, woman a choke pear, saying some one else from the chancel, and you snother him in the horrible atmosphere of Raymond street jail or New York Tombs, while his cousin, who has been so careful enough to steal \$50,000 from the city, will make him a candidate for the New York Legislature.

There is a great deal of uneasiness and nervousness now among some people in our time who have got ten unrighteous fortunes, a great deal of nervousness about dynamite. I tell them that God will put under their unrighteous fortunes something more extensive than dynamite, the hand of God, the omnipotent indignation. It is time that we learn in America that sin is not excusable in proportion as it declares large dividends and has outsiders in equipage. Many a man is riding to perdition, position ahead and lucky behind. To steal one copy of a newspaper is a gnat; to steal many thousands of dollars is a camel. There is many a fruit dealer who would not consent to steal a basket of peaches from a neighbor's stall, but would not scruple to depress the fruit market; and as long as I can remember we have heard every summer the peach crop of Maryland a failure, and by the time the crop comes in the misrepresentation makes a difference of millions of dollars. A man who would not steal one peach basket steals fifty thousand peach baskets. Go down in the summer time into the Mercantile Library, in the reading-rooms, and see the newspaper reports of the news from all parts of the country, and their phraseology is very much the same, and the same men wrote them, methodically and infamously carrying out the large lying about the grain crop from year to year and for a score of years. After a while there will be a "short" in the wheat market, and men who had a corn crop for a petty theft will burglarize the wheat bin of the nation and come largely upon the American corn-craze. And some of the men will sit in churches and in reformatory institutions, trying to sit in the small goats of sanctimony, while in their grain elevators and their storehouses they are fattening huge camels which they expect after a while to swallow. Society has to be entirely reconstructed on this subject. We are to find that a sin is inexcusable in proportion as it is great.

I know in our time the tendency is to charge religious frauds upon good men. They say: "O, what a class of frauds you have in the church of God in this day," and when an elder of a church, or a deacon, or a minister of the gospel, or a superintendent of a Sabbath-school turns out a defaulter, what display heads there are in many of the newspapers. Great primer type. Five line pica. "Another Saint Absconded," "Criminal Scoundrelism," "Religion at a Discount," "Shame on the Church," while there are a thousand scoundrels outside the church to where there is one inside the church, and the misbehavior of those who never see the inside of a church is so great it is enough to tempt a man to become a Christian to get out of their company. But in all circles, religious and irreligious, the tendency is to excuse sin in proportion as it is mammoth. Even John Milton, in his "Paradise Lost," while he condemns Satan, gives such a grand description of him you have hard work to suppress your admiration. O, this straining out of small sins like gnats, and this gulping down great sins like camels.

This subject does not give the picture of one or two persons, but is a gallery in which thousands of persons may see the likeness. For instance, all those people who, while they would not rob their neighbor of a farthing, a private tin snuff, and the treasure of the public. A man has a house to sell, and he tells his customer it is worth twenty thousand dollars. Next day the assessor comes around, the owner says it is worth fifteen thousand dollars. The government of the United States took off the tax from personal income, among other reasons because so few people would tell the truth, and many a man with an income of hundreds of dollars a day made statements which seemed to imply he was about to be handed over to the overseer of the poor. Careful to pay their passages from Liverpool to New York, yet smuggling in their baggage trunks ten silk dresses from Paris, and a half dozen watches from Geneva, Switzerland, telling the custom-house officer on the wharf: "There is nothing in that trunk but wearing apparel," and putting a five dollar gold piece in his hand to punctuate the statement.

Described in the text are those who are particular never to break the law of grammar, and who want all their language an elegant specimen of syntax, straining out all the inaccuracies of speech with a fine sieve of literary criticism, while through their conversation go slander and innuendo, and profanity and falsehood larger than a whole caravan of camels, when they might better fracture every law of the language and shock intellectual taste, and better let every verb seek in vain for its nominative, and every noun for its government, and every proposition lose its way in the sentence, and adjectives and participles and pronouns get into a grand riot, worthy of the Fourth ward on election day, than to commit a moral inaccuracy. Better swallow a thousand gnats than one camel.

Such persons are also described in the text who are very much alarmed about the small faults of others, and have no alarm about their own great transgressions. There are in every community and in every church watch-dogs who feel called upon to keep their eyes on others and growl. They are full of suspicions. They wonder if that man is not dishonest, if that man is not unclean, if there is not something wrong about the other man. They are always a little bit to hear of any thing wrong. Virtues are always the first to smell carnion. They are self-appointed detectives. I lay down this as a rule, without any exception, that those people who have the most faults themselves are most careless in their watching of others. From what I hear of some of our neighbors' imperfections through a microscope, and look at their own imperfections through a telescope upside down. Twenty faults of their own do not hurt them so much as one fault of somebody else. Their neighbors' imperfections are like gnats, and they strain them out; but their own imperfections are like camels and they swallow them. But lest some might think they escape the scrutiny of the text, I have to tell you that we all come under the divine satire when we make the questions of eternity prominent than the questions of eternity. Come now, let us all go into the confessional. Are not all tempted to make the question, Where shall I live now, greater than the question, Where shall I live forever? How shall I get men dollars here? greater than the question, How shall I lay up treasure in Heaven? the question, How shall I pay my debts to man, greater than the question, How shall I pay my obligations to God? the question, How shall I gain the world, greater than the question, What if I lose my soul into the world? I do not get a sin into the world

greater than the question, How shall I get extorted from my nature? the question, What shall I do with twenty, or forty, or seventy years of my sublunary existence greater than the question, What shall I do with the millions of cycles of my post-terrestrial existence? Time, how small it is! Eternity, how vast it is! The former more insignificant in comparison with the latter than a gnat is insignificant when compared with a camel. We dodged the text. We said, "That doesn't mean me, and that doesn't mean me," and with a rambling benevolence we are giving the well-meaning answer to the charge. But let us all surrender to the charge. What an ado about things here. What poor preparation for a great eternity. As though a minnow were larger than a bohemian, as though a swallow took wider circuit than an albatross, as though a knot were taller than a Lebanon cedar, as though a gnat were larger than a camel, as though a minute were longer than a century, as though time were higher, deeper, broader than eternity. So the text which flashed with lightning of wit as Christ uttered it is followed by the crashing thunder of the awful catastrophe to those who make the questions of time greater than the questions of the future, the eternity, the ever-shadowing future. O, eternity! eternity! eternity!

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